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Most Philadelphians are eager to tune in to the Super Bowl, but we spoke to one uber Eagles fan who decided to boycott the game for political reasons on page 4. You can also read about who is the better team on page 18 and at **metro.us.**

OFFICIAL: US MISSILE TEST UNSUCCESSFUL

1 The U.S. military carried out an unsuccessful test to shoot down an incoming dummy missile from Hawaii on Wednesday, a U.S. official said, amid heightened concerns about North Korea's developing missile and nuclear program. The official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said a SM-3 Block IIA missile was launched from an Aegis Ashore test site in Hawaii, but failed to hit another missile launched from an aircraft. It was unclear why the test failed and an analysis was underway, the official said. The missile, which is being developed by Raytheon, is used to target intermediate range missiles. The Missile Defense Agency did not comment on the outcome of the test, but confirmed that one had taken place. An intercept test for the missile last June also failed, but there was a successful test in early 2017.

PROSECUTORS DROP CASE AGAINST SEN. MENENDEZ

2 The Justice Department has dropped its bribery case against Democratic Sen. Bob Menendez, lifting a cloud that had hovered over his expected 2018 re-election bid and removing a potential distraction for his party in a key election year. Menendez, a longtime fixture of New Jersey politics, was accused of accepting gifts from a wealthy benefactor, ophthalmologist Salomon Melgen, in exchange for official favors. His first trial ended last year in a mistrial after a jury could not reach a unanimous verdict, and federal prosecutors had said this month they would seek to retry him. "From the very beginning, I never wavered in my innocence and my belief that justice would prevail," Menendez said in a statement. "I am grateful that the Department of Justice has taken the time to re-evaluate its case and come to the appropriate conclusion."

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

THE JANUARY SUPER BLUE BLOOD MOON IS VISIBLE IN THE UK

3 A supermoon rises behind St. Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday in London, England. The super blue blood moon is a rare combination of a supermoon, a blood moon and a blue moon all simultaneously occurring.

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GLOBAL SPORTS CORRUPTION INVESTIGATED: NYT

4 U.S. federal prosecutors are conducting an extensive investigation into global sports corruption, including at FIFA, the world governing body for soccer, and the international and U.S. Olympics organizations, The New York Times reported on Wednesday, citing a grand jury subpoena. As part of the probe, the Justice Department is looking at possible racketeering, money laundering and fraud charges related to two track and field world championship events and the business executives who have consulted on bids for various other elite competitions, according to the subpoena, the Times reported. The investigation is being conducted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York in Brooklyn, which has previously investigated FIFA and doping in Russia. An Attorney's Office spokesman declined to comment.

SUPER BOWL SECURITY 'READY FOR ANYTHING'

5 The security operation in place for Sunday's Super Bowl between the New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles are "ready for anything" after two years of planning that was adjusted following last year's deadly mass shooting in Las Vegas. The National Football League's championship game is one of the biggest sporting events in the world and those planning to be anywhere near the game venue of U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis can expect plenty of security. Bomb-sniffing dogs, police patrols, helicopters and a massive chain-link and concrete fence surrounding the stadium are among the many measures in place. "We are absolutely ready for anything that may come our way," Minneapolis Police Commander Scott Gerlicher, whose department is overseeing security, told a news conference on Wednesday.

Eagles fans celebrating the NFC Championship win on Jan. 22. HUGHE DILLON

Eagles pep rally held at Reading Terminal

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Fans headed to Philly's Reading Terminal on Wednesday to support the Birds.

City Council President Darrell Clarke makes a Super Bowl wager with Boston at Reading Terminal Market, beside Market mascot Philbert the Pig, adorned in Eagles regalia. COURTESY OF READING TERMINAL MARKET

Everyone is getting in on Eagles fever. With just four days to go until the big game, Philadelphia hosted an official Super Bowl pep rally for the Eagles on Wednesday afternoon at Reading Terminal in Center City.

Philadelphia City Council President Darrell Clarke, Reading Terminal merchants and representatives and Eagles fans gathered in the Terminal's center square by the Philbert the Pig statue at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The pep rally served as an opportunity for Clarke to officially challenge Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell to a wager over the Super Bowl.

Clarke wagered some of the culinary delights that are sold at Reading Terminal and around Philly, offering them as a prize should the Patriots and QB Tom Brady win their sixth Super Bowl.

They included cheesesteaks from South Street-based Jim's Steaks, Old City Coffee, and even "the infamous chocolate-covered onion from Mueller's Chocolates."

Campbell offered up for his wager the paltry reward of some cannolis from Boston produced at Mike's Pastry, if the Eagles win.

Doesn't sound very good to us, but we'll happily take them after the Eagles snag the ring in Minnesota on Feb. 4.

NFL POLITICS

Goodell, President Trump remain at odds over player protests

National Football League Commissioner Roger Goodell and President Donald Trump remained on a collision course after both men conceded no ground on the issue of players kneeling in protest at racial injustice during the national anthem.

Just 14 hours after Trump raised the issue during his State of the Union address on Tuesday, Goodell would not back away from the league's position that they need to work with players to address their concerns which include the police shootings of minorities and racial disparities in the justice system.

"What the players are really interested in is making our communities better, seeing injustices that they see in their local communities that we can address collectively and support from the players. That's where our focus is," said Goodell on Wednesday.

Over the course of the season players were caught in Trump's Twitter crosshairs, the President repeatedly calling out Goodell and NFL owners for not taking action.

Trump scorned any player who protests as a "son of a bitch" who should face suspension. Goodell praised the athletes as political activists.

Trump renewed his criticism on Tuesday when he singled out a speech guest, 12-year-old Preston Sharp, for leading an effort to put American flags on the graves of 40,000 veterans, saying the initiative was "why we proudly stand for the national anthem".

Goodell said a committee of league representatives and players would continue to meet in an effort to find a compromise to an issue that has divided fans. REUTERS

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Philly won't confirm parade date as the city doesn't 'want to jinx it'

Some accused Philly of "counting its chickens before they're hatched" ahead of Super Bowl LII.

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Rumors are swirling that the city of Philadelphia has already picked a day for a post-Super Bowl parade, but the city is denying them, saying officials don't want to jinx the championship game.

Philly sports blog Crossing Broad says Wednesday, Feb. 7, has tentatively been picked for the day of the post-Super Bowl parade in Center City.

Now Boston fans are hoping those rumors could actually help fire up the Patriots to win in Super Bowl LII on Sunday, as some say happened in 2005.

"Thirteen years ago, the same thing occurred and Patriots head coach Bill Belichick used it as motivation for the Patriots — reading his players the Philadelphia parade plans the night prior to the game," wrote Metro sports editor Matt Burke. "The Patriots wound up winning the contest, capturing their third Super Bowl title in four seasons."

There's even a video of Belichick reading Philly's plans to his players to get them angry enough to win.

Someone who does know his history is Philly Mayor Jim Kenney, who said the parade won't be planned early this time around.

"No plans right now for a parade — we don't want to jinx it!" he tweeted during a social media Q&A.

The post-Super Bowl parade would be expected to start with an event at the Wells Fargo Center at Broad and Pattison before heading up Broad, around City Hall, up the Ben Franklin Parkway and ending at the Art Museum.

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NORTH KOREA

US hails Olympics security plan; opposes North Korea military parade

The U.S. State Department voiced displeasure on Wednesday over North Korean plans to stage a military parade on the eve of the Winter Olympics, but it assured Americans going to the games that South Korea's security plan considered all contingencies.

"Any citizen of the United States traveling to the 2018 Winter Games can rest assured that the Republic of Korea has a comprehensive security system in place and that the United States government is supporting our ally in that regard," Under Secretary of State Steve Goldstein told a briefing.

The Winter Games begin on Feb. 9 in Pyeongchang, South Korea, at a time of high tensions over North Korea's nuclear weapons and missile programs.

After talks earlier this year aimed at defusing tensions, North and South Korea agreed to field a unified women's ice hockey team and to march their athletes under one flag at the opening ceremony.

Despite its decision to send athletes, North Korea announced it would celebrate the founding of its military on Feb. 8, an event generally marked with a large military parade displaying weapons like missile launchers.

"While we would prefer that this parade not occur on Feb. 8, it is our hope, and I know the hope of South Korea, that the North Koreans ... will join with all the nations of the world in celebrating the athletes," Goldstein said.

U.S. officials said the State Department's Diplomatic Security Service was the lead U.S. agency helping South Korean authorities with security, a role it has undertaken at every Olympics since the 1976 Montreal games. REUTERS

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Eagles fan explains why she's boycotting this year's Super Bowl

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Boycotting the NFL over social-justice issues has never been so tough as for Birds fans seeing their team go to the big game against the New England Patriots.

Shakira King said issues with how the NFL treats players have prevented her from enjoying a sport that she loves. PROVIDED

From the season-ending injury of quarterback Carson Wentz to their improbable run to the Super Bowl, the 2017 NFL season has been marked by a series of unexpected highs and lows for Philadelphia Eagles fans. But before all that, the biggest story in the NFL surrounded another quarterback, former San Francisco 49ers star Colin Kaepernick.

Kaepernick drew the support and ire of fans all over the country for kneeling during the national anthem last season in protest of police brutality, a move that many observers believe got him blackballed from the NFL and led some fans to stop watching in solidarity.

For Philadelphia, a city that supports activism and free speech, there's a dilemma: Is it possible to support the Super Bowl-bound Eagles while supporting the exiled Kaepernick in his protests of police brutality and his public battle with the NFL?

For local activist Shakira King, not watching her beloved Eagles this season has been anything but easy.

"It's been really difficult because I come from a big football family," King said. "Just going to visit my family on those big Sundays when the game is on and being with them is hard because I'm not able to fully celebrate or enjoy the game.

"Even when I'm out at brunch with friends, trying to hold myself accountable has been difficult because as someone who loves my city so much, not watching the Eagles feels like I'm not a part of that, almost like I'm not a full Philadelphian."

As a local organizer, King said issues with how the NFL treats players have prevented her from enjoying a sport that she loves.

"I'm struggling with feeling like a commodity, a good," says King. "You only want [us] because [we] can do something for you. You only want black men because they can do something good for you. That's the thing I struggle with as a football fan and an activist."

Political scientist Jaimee Swift, a Ph.D. candidate at Howard University, said most sports fans can be inconsistent when it comes to activism.

"I think there is such a cognitive dissonance some people have when it comes to supporting activism and equity and then recognizing that we live in a white male capitalist patriarchy that thrives off competition, production, and the use of the body, which is also reflected in sports, and in this case, football," he said. "Until we realize that the Eagles, the NFL and other sports conglomerates are truly not for equity for all and just for the almighty dollar, more situations like Kaepernick's are to come — both in and outside of the NFL. And yet, some of us will still keep cheering."

Even though King won't be watching the big game, her message to the team is clear: Win big.

"We haven't been to the Super Bowl since I was 12," she said. "I've waited forever for this."

NFL KNEELING CONTROVERSY TIMELINE

Aug. 26, 2016: After his third preseason game not standing for the national anthem, San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick explains he is not standing for the national anthem as a way of protesting the oppression of people of color in America and police brutality.

Sept. 22, 2017: President Donald Trump chastises NFL players protesting by kneeling during the national anthem with during a speech in Alabama, saying "Get that son of a b—ch off the field."

Nov. 30, 2017: After negotiations with a player coalition featuring current and former football players like Malcolm Jenkins and Anquan Boldin, the NFL agrees to give $100 million to a variety of social justice causes such as criminal justice reform, education and improving relations between police and communities.

Jefferson Health program sees obesity in new light

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Obesity is a very real problem for Americans. Roughly one-third of U.S. adults are obese, with the numbers soaring even higher in Philadelphia. In the City of Brotherly Love, two out of every three adults are obese. What's more, nearly half of the city's adolescents can say the same.

While these kinds of statistics are pretty black and white, understanding *why* obesity persists is much more complex.

"What a lot of people don't understand is that it's very much a disease," says Rajesh Aggarwal, M.D., Ph.D., bariatric surgeon at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital – Jefferson Health.

"It's also a social and societal disease that goes far beyond simply overeating."

There's certainly truth in these words. According to Dr. Aggarwal, the rise in obesity is less about genetics and more about the many ways in which our lifestyles and eating habits have changed over the last few decades. Technology, while quite useful, has taken a toll on activity levels-it's easier to drive than walk, or opt for the elevator over the stairs. When compared to 20 years ago, we expend far fewer calories in our day-to-day lives than we used to.

"The other part of it is society, specifically around how much we eat," says Dr. Aggarwal. "If you look at the size of a Big Mac or medium soft drink you'd get from one of these fast food outlets, they've increased dramatically over the last 20 years, as well. What's considered normal has changed significantly."

On top of that, there's the high availability of high-fat/low-protein foods and liquid calories. And we all know that healthy foods like fruits, vegetables and complex carbohydrates are far less accessible, not to mention more expensive than fat-based foods that are cheap and easy to eat on the go.

Another key factor is that eating is a social activity.

"We generally don't eat on our own. We eat with our families, friends and coworkers," adds Dr. Aggarwal. "If you bring your own packet of salad or some other healthy food, people are afraid they'll be seen as an outsider."

When you look at the big picture, it becomes clear the degree to which obesity really is a social disease. This is precisely why Jefferson Health's Comprehensive Weight Management Center stands out as an exemplary program. Their team is driven by a desire to engage patients so that they can really get to the root of what's fueling their obesity.

"We really take a comprehensive approach," says Dr. Aggarwal. "How can we help you change your environment and your behaviors? How can you tap your social network for support? These are important things to think about. Lasting change goes deeper than simply having surgery."

At Jefferson's Comprehensive Weight Management Center, patients have the opportunity to meet with a psychiatrist through their evaluation to help them navigate this new terrain. And since not everyone has this crucial social support in their lives, Jefferson also offers support groups for folks who are considering bariatric surgery. This helps them really understand what the challenges are going to look like.

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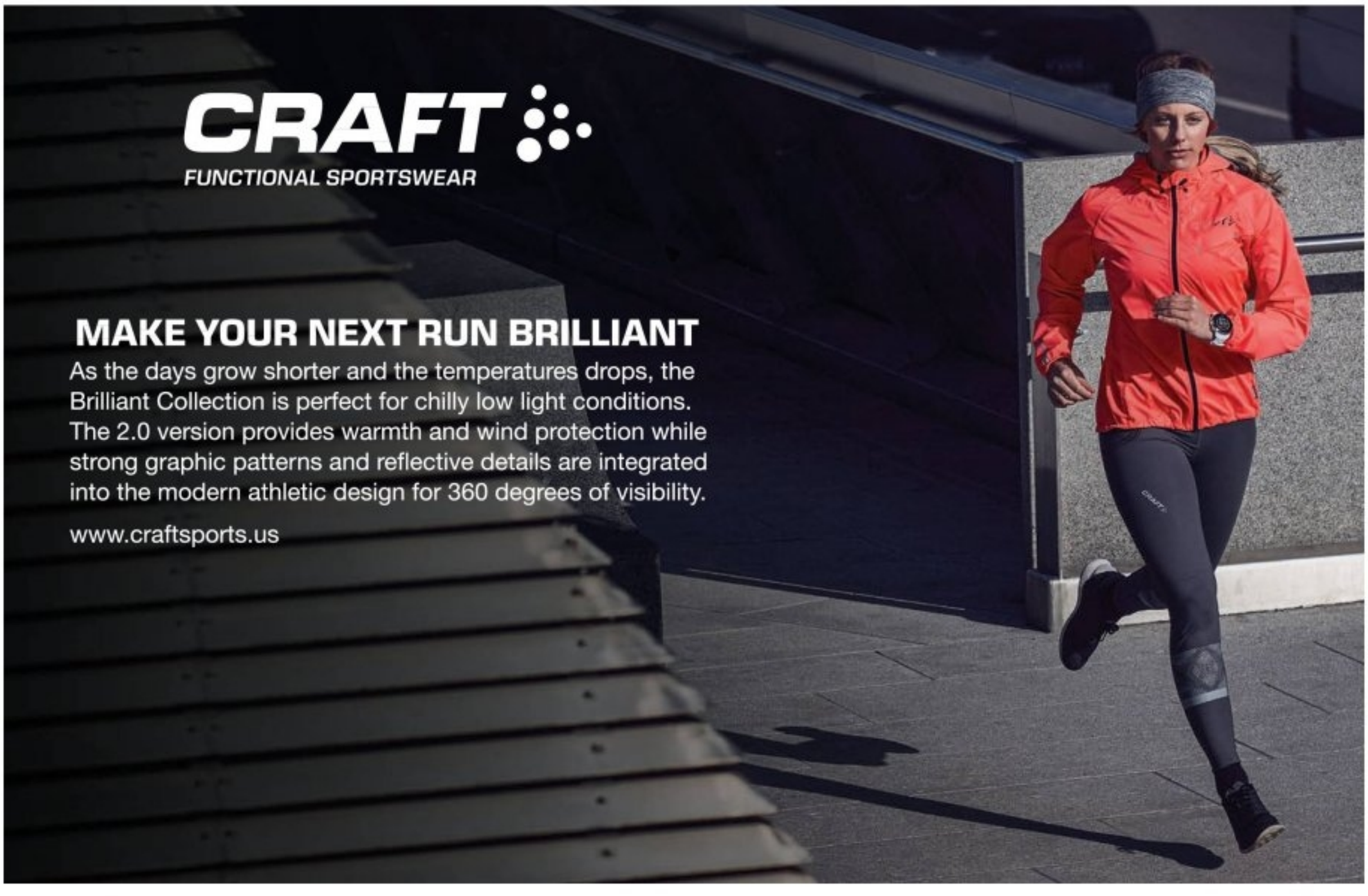
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FBI expresses 'grave concerns' over Republican memo's accuracy

The memo has become a lightning rod in the fight over alleged Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. election.

The FBI said on Wednesday it had "grave concerns" about the accuracy of a top-secret House Intelligence Committee memo alleging anti-Trump bias within the Justice Department, challenging President Donald Trump's pledge to release it.

The rare public rebuke by the nation's top law enforcement agency came hours after White House Chief of Staff John Kelly said he expected the memo to be made public "pretty quick."

"The FBI was provided a limited opportunity to review this memo the day before the committee voted to release it," the FBI said in a statement. "As expressed during our initial review, we have grave concerns about material omissions of fact that fundamentally impact the memo's accuracy."

The FBI declined to say if Director Christopher Wray approved the statement. Trump named Wray to head the Federal Bureau of Investigation after firing Director James Comey last May.

Justice Department officials have also said releasing the memo could jeopardize classified information.

Rep. Devin Nunes, the intelligence committee's Republican chairman who commissioned the document, said in a statement on Wednesday that FBI and Justice Department objections to its release were "spurious."

Although White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said Trump had not yet read the document, the president told lawmakers after his State of the Union address to Congress on Tuesday night that there was a "100 percent" chance the memo would be released.

A White House official said the four-page memo was delivered to the White House on Monday after the committee voted to release it. White House lawyers were working against a Friday deadline to determine if any of it should be redacted to protect national security, the official said.

Republicans, who blocked an effort to release a counterpoint memo by the panel's Democrats, say their document exposes anti-Trump bias by the FBI and the DOJ in seeking a warrant to conduct an eavesdropping operation.

Democrats say the memo selectively uses highly classified materials in a misleading effort to discredit special counsel Robert Mueller, who is leading the Justice Department's Russia probe, and Deputy U.S. Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who hired him.

Four sources familiar with the memo told Reuters it accused the FBI and Justice Department of misleading a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court judge in seeking an extension in March 2017 of a warrant for a secret eavesdropping operation against Carter Page, an adviser to Trump's 2016 campaign.

The memo contends that the FBI and Justice Department failed to tell the judge that the request was based on a dossier compiled by a former British spy hired by a research firm partially financed by the Democratic National Committee and Democrat Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign, the sources said.

The sources said the memo was misleading because all the dossier excerpts used in the application had been confirmed by U.S. or allied intelligence and law enforcement agencies. Moreover, said the sources, who requested anonymity, the application was based largely on material collected and verified by U.S. intelligence agencies.

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Rep. Devin Nunes has said that objections to his memo are "spurious." GETTY IMAGES

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One dead in crash between truck, train of lawmakers

The aftermath of the Wednesday morning train crash in rural Virginia. ALBEMARLE COUNTY POLICE/TWITTER @ACPD_VA

The train was taking lawmakers to an annual retreat.

An Amtrak passenger train carrying Republican members of the U.S. Congress from Washington to a retreat in West Virginia slammed into a garbage truck on Wednesday at a rural Virginia road crossing, killing one person on the truck, authorities said.

No serious injuries were reported among the lawmakers or their staff on the train, the U.S. Department of Transportation said. There was one death and one serious injury among those on the truck, it added.

Amtrak said two crew members and three train passengers were hospitalized with minor injuries after the crash in Crozet, Virginia. One of those, Representative Jason Lewis of Minnesota, was examined for a possible concussion.

"I'm fine compared to, tragically, the truck drivers, and thankful for the prompt action of our doctors and first responders. My thoughts are with the family of the driver who passed away," Lewis told Reuters.

The train was taking lawmakers to an annual retreat being held this year in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, just west of the Virginia state line. Amtrak said the collision occurred at 11:20 a.m. in Crozet, a tiny town between the college town of Charlottesville, Virginia, and White Sulphur Springs.

U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy, a doctor, said he and other lawmakers who are physicians tended to the injured until emergency personnel arrived.

The truck was on the tracks at a crossing when the crash occurred, Amtrak said. Video from the scene showed the battered truck afterward, with trash strewn around it.

"We were going along the Virginia countryside at pretty good speed," Senator Jeff Flake said in comments released by his office. "All of a sudden, we felt an impact and obviously heard a pretty loud noise. Most of us were thrown a bit in our seats and those of us who were standing were really thrown."

Spouses and children of some lawmakers were aboard, lawmakers said. House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan was on the train.

"It was clear upon impact that something had gone terribly wrong and I am very grateful that the train was able to stop without severely derailing," U.S. Representative Lee Zeldin said in a statement.

After the crash, a law enforcement team surrounded the train with weapons drawn and searched the area for possible attackers as first responders treated the injured, said a local emergency worker.

"They surrounded the train on both sides and set up a perimeter with their automatic weapons pointing out and then searched the woods around the train," the worker said. "At least five members of Congress helped firefighters and EMTs treat the three injured people who had been in the truck."

The Republican retreat, an opportunity for lawmakers to discuss legislation and politics in the run-up to November's congressional elections, was scheduled to run until midday Friday. President Donald Trump was due to attend on Thursday. Vice President Mike Pence went as scheduled on Wednesday.

Trump told reporters at the White House he had spoken to Ryan and others, and that the accident had been "a pretty rough hit."

"We don't have full understanding yet as to what happened," Trump said.

While it was not immediately clear who was at fault in the Virginia collision, Amtrak's safety record has come under scrutiny after a series of recent incidents including a derailment of a passenger train south of Seattle in December that killed three. REUTERS

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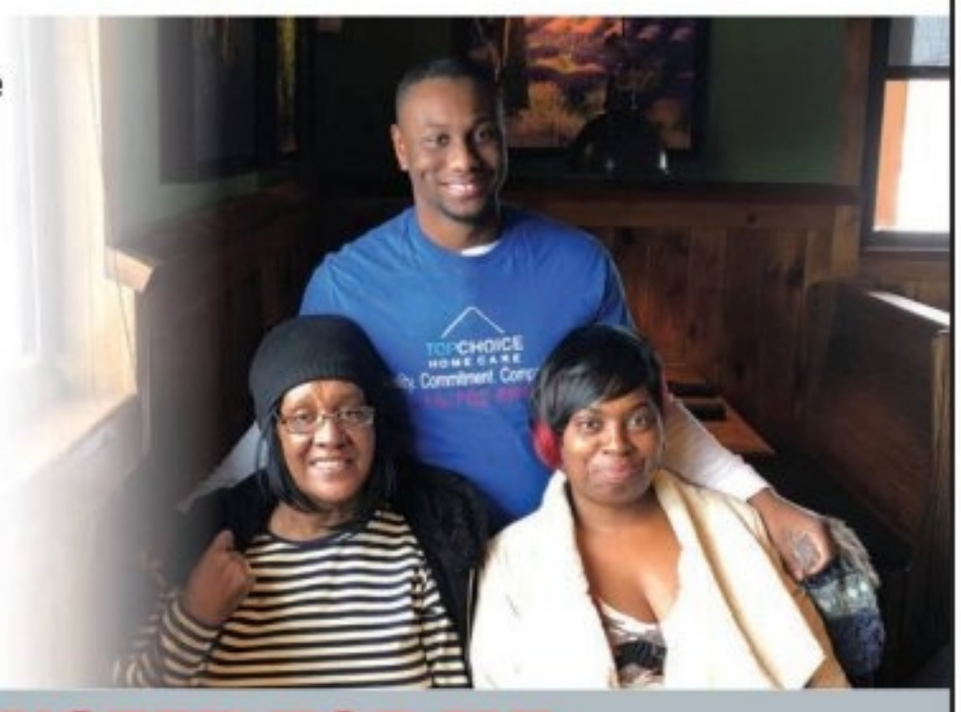

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Trump administration let Russian spy chiefs visit with intelligence director

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One is banned from the U.S. That's not the only reason officials said the meeting was unusual.

Moscow and the U.S. have shared information on terrorism in the past, but the process is not usually so robust or close. GETTY IMAGES

Two Russian spy chiefs traveled to Washington to meet with CIA director Mike Pompeo last week, even though one of them is banned from the U.S. because of sanctions, new reports said.

Pompeo met with Sergey Naryshkin, the head of Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR), and Alexander Bortnikov, who leads the FSB, the modern equivalent of the Soviet spy outfit KGB, The Washington Post reported.

The meeting raised eyebrows for three reasons: It was announced by Russia's ambassador and reported on by the Soviet news agency TASS before it was reported in the U.S.; the main attendee was supposed to be barred from the country; and current and former U.S. intelligence officials told the Post they can't remember so many Russian spy and security officials meeting with the U.S. at once.

The meeting wasn't noticed at the time but was announced by Moscow's ambassador to the U.S., Anatoly Antonov, on Tuesday — the same day that the White House announced that further Russian sanctions passed by Congress would not be enacted. The White House did release a list of Russian oligarchs potentially subject to sanctions on Tuesday, but it was criticized as sloppy and cobbled together from sources such as Forbes magazine.

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5 Must-see series to watch this February

It used to be that the early months of the year were a sort of no man's land for television. But no more. This month, there are tons of new series coming to the screen, and a few old ones coming back. Here are the ones we're most looking forward to. **RACHAEL VAUGHAN CLEMMONS**

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"2 Dope Queens" *(Feb. 2 on HBO)*

Jessica Williams and Phoebe Robinson started from the bottom (shows in the basement of Union Hall in Brooklyn), now they're here (a star-studded, very well-lit HBO special). The very funny pair's appeal has always been their easy familiarity with each other, and their shows on HBO prove these besties are still on fire. Besides, when else can you witness two black women coming together to talk about the misadventures of their daily lives, their celebrity crushes and host a slew of other comedians to do largely the same?

"Everything Sucks!" *(Feb. 16 on Netflix)*

There will always be an audience for stories about high school misfits. At least, Netflix is counting on it. "Everything Sucks" is 2018's "Fresh Off the Boat" styled answer to the "Freak & Geeks"-shaped hole in your heart, complete with freaks, geeks, cool kids and, of course, an AV club. Plus, it's set in 1996 — the perfect time period for those millennials who want to hark back to their version of the good ol' days.

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"Altered Carbon" *(Feb. 2 on Netflix)*

A sexy neo-noir cyberpunk thriller filled to the brim with diverse characters and James Purefoy? Yes, please. "Altered Carbon" makes for an enjoyable — albeit at times, confusing — watch. Plus, it's the perfect show to binge if you've got about 10 hours to spare. Come for the shirtless Joel Kinnaman and "Blade Runner 2049"-worthy outerwear; stay for the dizzying amount of twists that'll make you think — wait, what the hell just happened?

"Mozart in the Jungle" *(Feb. 16 on Amazon Prime)*

Another season of sex, classical music and pint-size hunk Gael Garcia Bernal awaits. Good thing "Mozart in the Jungle" has always been the perfect bingeing fare — the plots never too heavy, the drama always lightened by the comedy of errors we call life and, oh, have we mentioned the genius of Garcia Bernal? This season promises all the feels, too. "Most of the time, I think it's a comedy. And then every so often it becomes a tragedy," showrunner Will Graham says. "[This season] is more emotional and more complicated and sophisticated." Count us in.

SARAH SHATZ/AMAZON

Winter Olympics 2018 *(Feb. 9 on NBC)*

Oh, yeah — the Winter Olympics are kicking off this month too, bringing together the qualities many of us hold near and dear to our hearts: athleticism, sportsmanship and a fleeting pride in one's country. For the rest of us, there's always the spectacle known as curling to keep us cheering from the comfort of our own homes.

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Martha Higareda highly recommends binge-watching 'Altered Carbon'

"It's interesting how everything works in a magical way," - Actress Martha Higareda on getting cast in the new Netflix series "Altered Carbon". ASHLEY BARRETT.

The Mexican actress talks playing tough as nails police officer Kristen Ortega and the perks of working with Joel Kinnaman.

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Netflix's next big, binge-worthy series is the futuristic cyberpunk murder-mystery "Altered Carbon," out Friday, Feb. 2. Based on the sci-fi novel by Richard K. Morgan, the series does a wonderful job bringing the author's complex vision to the screen while delivering heart-racing action scenes and memorable characters. And yes, that includes magnetic police officer Kristin Ortega, played in true bad-ass fashion by Martha Higareda.

Despite being a huge sci-fi fan, the Mexican actress had never read Morgan's "Altered Carbon." But it was certainly on her radar. "It's interesting how everything works in a magical way," Higareda explains over the phone. "I love going to [the bookstore] because I love books. I see all of these different titles and I take pictures of them and write myself a list of books to read. So three or four months before I got the show, I had this book written on my list because science fiction is one of my favorite genres."

With such a complex plot that tackles the end of mortality, Higareda explains that Ortega is one of the only characters in the bleak world of Bay City that truly values her life and given body.

"She's always on the edge because this is the only body she has had and this is the only life that she's had," she says. "She's literally living this to the core and to the fullest. [Joel Kinnaman's] Kovach has lived many lives. He's seen it all. He's sort of cold in a way. Ortega is the opposite of him."

Shot entirely in Vancouver, Washington, the series took nearly nine months to complete. During that time, Higareda became great friends with Kinnaman and found a new respect for his acting skills. "It was fantastic! I learned so much from him," she says. "He's extremely talented and so gifted as an actor and very committed to his craft. He would question every scene from his character's perspective. It was truly exciting and fun to be working with him."

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With all of the episodes premiering on Netflix, how does Higareda think viewers should tackle such a dark and dense sci-fi thriller like "Altered Carbon"? In her mind, bingeing is always the best plan of attack.

"What happens mostly in any science fiction is that they immerse you into their world in the first few minutes or, in our show's case, the first episode," says Higareda. "it's fascinating to me because at the same time you are getting all of this information with the visuals that make you feel like you are in this amazing world."

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7 Celebrity Super Bowl predictions

Find out which teams these stars will be rooting for on Super Bowl Sunday. **MATT JUUL**

The rivalry between the Patriots and the Eagles is heating up ahead of this weekend's big game, and some of the biggest celebrities in the country are getting in on the fun with their Super Bowl predictions. From DJs and comedians to actors and rock legends, find out which teams these seven stars will be rooting for on Sunday.

Steve Aoki

"Brady is my guy. Gronk's my guy," the DJ told Metro ahead of his tour's stops on the East Coast this month. "You know who I'm rooting for. That team is unstoppable."

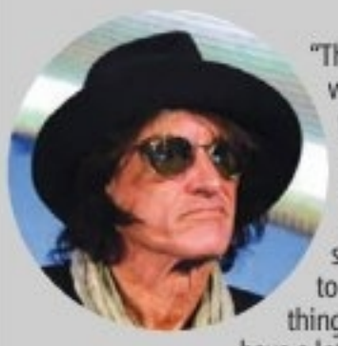
Gabriel Iglesias

"First of all, go Pats!" the comic told Metro prior to his upcoming performances in New England. "I think it'll be pretty close. Brady's still a killer, but I don't think he's going to continue to be that high scoring, big separation. I think he's just going to keep it interesting."

Mila Kunis

"Tom Brady, arguably the greatest quarterback, right? So, congratulations," Kunis told reporters following her Hasty Pudding Woman of the Year ceremony in Massachusetts. "One of my best friends is from Philadelphia, so I'm not going to pick a team," she added. "But it'd be nice to see the Eagles go all the way. Again, Tom Brady, congratulations, you're awesome and you played with a lot of stitches. You're great. We know you're great. You've showed us for three years. You're pretty damn great."

Joe Perry



"The Patriots are showing the world what they got, and I'm proud of that," Perry recently told Metro. However, the Aerosmith rocker stopped short of predicting the outcome of this year's Super Bowl, saying, "Generally, I don't like to say anything at all about those things because I think it's fate and I just have a lot of good energy aiming their way. They are certainly an amazing team."

Will Smith

The actor and Philadelphia native is, of course, rooting for his hometown team. Smith took to his Facebook account to post his prediction, which he did in the form of a poem.

"Dear Philadelphia Eagles," Smith wrote. "Roses are red, violets are blue, I think it's time for a Super Bowl title, What about you?"

Sly Stallone

The "Rocky" star has been talking a lot of trash on his Instgram page ahead of this year's Super Bowl, and even compared the Patriots to the villainous Ivan Drago in one post.

"We know how this one turned out," Stallone wrote in support of the Eagles. "We know who's going to win the Super Bowl."

Mark Wahlberg

Wahlberg may have played Vince Papale in 2006's "Invincible," but the actor revealed on "The Dan Patrick Show" that he thinks his Patriots will end up with the win.

"Honestly, I don't think the game is going to be that close," Wahlberg said. "I think we kind of finally have the first easy victory, win by a couple touchdowns."

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Can you believe it? The Eagles are playing the Super Bowl! Whether you're a football fan or not, supporting the home team is a must this weekend. With parties happening all over the city, you have plenty of options to make the 2018 Super Bowl one to remember. Here are our top picks.

Mad Rex
1000 Frankford Ave.
themadrex.com
Watch the big game at post-apocalyptic restaurant, bar and virtual reality lounge, Mad Rex. The Fishtown hotspot has a number of specials going on for the Super Bowl, including $3 drafts (Mad Rex IPA, Bud Light, Yuengling and Miller Lite), a complimentary Mad Rex IPA Draft with any burger purchase, a complimentary Flying Eagles Shot every time the birds score, a complimentary order of loaded fries for every party, 10 minutes of free VR in the lounge (the NFL experience was just added) and a Smoking Eagle cocktail that's — you guessed it — green!

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Milkboy Philly
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401 South St.
milkboyphilly.com
Watch the Eagles take down the Patriots at Milkboy Philly. Enjoy complimentary shots of house whiskey for every Eagles touchdown and free wings at halftime. Chef Chris Beyer has Eagles-green wings on the meny with an extra spicy habanero buffalo sauce, available all day for $11. As far as drink specials, sip on $3 select drafts and cans and $2 off specialty cocktails, wine and draft beer.

BRU Craft & Wurst
1318 Chestnut St.
bruphilly.com
There is a $25 cover for this party but with two floors of fun, tons of TVs as well as a giant projection wall, BRU Craft & Wurst in Midtown Village is perfect for watching the Super Bowl. There are a number of food specials as well, including nachos ($11), cheesesteaks ($12) that come with fries and chicken wings ($9).

Nick's Bar & Grille
16 S. 2nd St.
nicksroastbeefbarandgrille.com
A tried and true Old City favorite, Nick's Bar & Grille is a great place to watch the Super Bowl. The game will be on all televisions in both the bar and dining room areas and specials include $5 roast beef and roast pork sandwiches, $2 tacos, $8 nachos, $10 Miller Lite Buckets and $3 domestic drafts.

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Caitlin Rorer

Caitlin Rorer owns Keen in Rittenhouse with her husband Chris Rorer. PROVIDED

Chef Caitlin Rorer has little time for sleep these days as co-owner of the newly opened Keen with her husband Chris Rorer. The New Jersey native has been living in Philly for the past 10 years, where she studied at The Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College.

"Restaurant life is in my blood," she says. "I came up in the biz. What I love about it is the joy of creating lasting memories through ambiance, delicious food and fun — being a part of the special moments in life."

Rorer took the time to share with us some of her places to dine in Philadelphia and her picks include everything from vegetarian to Pan-Asian fare.

Best late night meal?

I love the Pancakes at **South Street Diner** *(140 South St.)* — they're always open and it's the perfect place to stop by after we close down Keen. If I am splurging (or extra hungry after a long shift) I will order the Hungry Man, which is the pancakes, two eggs, home fries, toast and crispy bacon.

Best meal under $10?

Mama's Vegetarian *(18 S. 20th St.)* in Graduate Hospital is cheap, fresh and delicious. Their falafel is a complete meal of goodness. We ordered it a lot while we were under construction. It's also our go-to staff meal for lunch as they deliver.

Best hidden foodie gem?

Marrakesh at *5th and Ludlow*. My husband and I have been going here for years— I love this style of cuisine and the spicy chicken is to die for. It's perfect for large groups and it's cozy and intimate enough for date night. Saturday nights are a guaranteed good time because of the belly dancers.

Best place to dine alone?

The Good King Tavern *(614 S. 7th St.)* is a solid spot to post up at the bar solo and order the steak frites. Chris and I love the hand-crafted cocktails and will usually order a sazerac from their well-trained and knowledgeable bar team. JENNIFER LOGUE

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Super Bowl Sunday at Mad Rex

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Nick's Bar & Grille Super Bowl Party

For the big game, the Old City bar and eatery will discount roast pork and roast beef sandwiches to just $5. Domestic drafts are down to $3, meanwhile, with Miller Lite buckets served for $10. **Feb. 4, Nick's Bar & Grille 16 S. Second St. nicksroastbeefbarandgrille.com Pay as you go**

The Little Lion Super Bowl Party

A ticket to the party gets Eagles fans not just an open bar, but an all-you-can-eat buffet. The restaurant's also promising everyone will get a seat with a view of the game. **Feb. 4, 6 p.m. The Little Lion, 243 Chestnut St. thelittlelionphilly.com, $125**

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Uri Gurvich

This month's First Friday musical guest at the museum is Uri Gurvich, a saxophonist from New York City who was formerly a member of the Tel Aviv Jazz Orchestra. His quartet has released three albums, the most recent of which, "Kinship," released in September. **Feb. 2, 5 p.m. Philadelphia Museum of Art 26th St. and Benjamin Franklin Parkway, philamuseum.org $20**

Crocs: Ancient Predators in a Modern World

Featuring live species of crocodile like the Siamese crocodile and the West African dwarf crocodile, this is an all-encompassing deep-dive into the history of one of the world's oldest species. Guests can even test their strength against a crocodile bite and learn a bit of croc linguistics. **Feb. 3, 10 a.m. Academy of Natural Sciences 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway ansp.org, $20**

Sid the Science Kid: The Super-Duper Exhibit!

A temporary feature of the museum, this exhibit—based on the PBS show "Side the Science Kid"—invites guests into Sid's home to explore his lab and learn about physics, the senses and other science-related subjects. Consider it a hands-on crash course in STEM education. **Feb. 3 through May 6 Please Touch Museum 4231 Avenue of the Republic pleasetouchmuseum.org, $19**

African American History Month

The National Constitution Center celebrates African American History Month with a collection of ongoing special programs in February, like an interactive show that unearths the lives of Thurgood Marshall, Jackie Robinson and others, and a self-guided tour that takes guests to artifacts from President Obama's inauguration and an original printing of the Dred Scott decision. There's also a "giant game board activity" that encourages patrons to test their knowledge of African-American history. **Through Feb. 28 National Constitution Center 525 Arch St. constitutioncenter.org, $14.50**

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NSFW Party: Physique

A funky pop-up dance party that only comes once every few months, this edition of NSFW—with beats by DJ Sharyn Stone--runs with a retro athletic wear theme. This month, sign up for the party online and receive an email on Feb. 1 with the secret location. **Feb. 3, 10 p.m. nsfwparty.yapsody.com, $15**

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Greensky Bluegrass

Greensky Bluegrass is a five-piece acoustic band from Michigan that's released six studio albums and is mostly known for high-energy, stomp-your-feet performances fused with rock 'n' roll. They tour in support of 2016 album "Shouted, Written Down & Quoted." **Feb. 1, 8 p.m. The Fillmore Philadelphia 29 E. Allen St. greenskybluegrass.com, $22**

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In the name of the father: Rome

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Rome's the birthplace of the Baroque style, so there's art around every corner. First, take a refresher in high school history and spend some time at the city's architectural marvels.

The Colosseum lives up to its name as the largest amphitheater ever built. And because in the earliest 80s (that is to say the 8-0 ADs) it was the venue to which as many as 80,000 bloodthirsty spectators would flock in order to watch gladiators battle.

The ancient Italian equivalent of the National Mall, the Forum, was the heart of Rome's government for centuries. Today it's an incredible place for a sunny stroll, as the landscape is dotted with shrines and monuments to rulers dating back hundreds of years before Julius Caesar.

Neither the Colosseum nor the Forum have withstood the test of time as well as the Pantheon, so for a more complete picture check out this former temple (and now Catholic church). The 2,000-year-old unreinforced concrete dome atop it is still the world's largest, and the building itself is one of the best-preserved from the era.

And now that you're a world traveler, pop into the city-country within the country for a visit to the Vatican. The smallest state in the world (both by size and population) is home to the pope, and there's a whole lot to Holy See, such as St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel and the Vatican Museum. You needn't be religious to appreciate the art and ambiance.

The son: Florence

The Tuscan sun shines bright on the artistic standouts that make Florence a tourist mecca. The best-known site in the city is called Cattedrale di Santa Maria del Fiore, but you might recognize its shorthand name, The Duomo.

Ready for a break from church to appreciate some art? While in Florence, make a move to the Galleria dell'Accademia and ponder Michelangelo's masterpiece in marble, David.

The Uffizi Gallery has been open to the public for over 250 years (compared to New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, a youngster at 146 years old). They've got your Ninja Turtles (Michelangelo, Raphael and Leonardo), as well as Rembrandt and countless pieces of art you'll recognize even if the artist's name escapes you. An organized tour is definitely your best bet, as it can take up to five hours in line just to get in otherwise during peak season.

And the holy ghost: Venice

We're calling Venice "the holy ghost" as this ethereal destination (comprising 118 small islands separated by canals and linked by 400 bridges) is slowly sinking into the ever-rising sea. As such, there's no time like the present to visit.

You'll find Venice's two greatest charmers, Doge's Palace and the Basilica of San Marco, side by side. The Palace's apartments, Opera House and even prisons contain almost 700 years' worth of history and artefacts. St. Mark's, on the other hand, is closer to 1,000.

After a whole lot of walking, treat yourself to a gondola ride along the Grand Canal. This is a great way to get a feel of the place and take a break from the crowds.

The real must-do in Venice, however, is to simply get lost along back alleys and on small bridges. This will no doubt happen even if you do bring a map, and will make for incredible, authentic memories.

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Who's really the better team, Eagles or Patriots?

A position-by-position breakdown of the Eagles and Patriots ahead of Super Bowl LII.

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The Patriots are favorites Sunday and with good reason. They have won five Super Bowls over the last two decades, sport the best coach and quarterback of all time and have given little reason for doubters to pick against them this season.

But the tide is turning toward the underdog Eagles, getting anywhere from 6 to 4.5 points in betting lines as the game approaches. A closer look at the rosters of the NFC and AFC champions gives a major advantage to Philadelphia in most positional groups.

Obviously, the Super Bowl isn't decided by looking at a depth chart and deciding which individual players are better. Coaching schemes, execution and experience — along with a bevy of other important factors — play just as large a role as talent and depth do. But regardless, it's worth looking at which team has the better players ahead of the 52nd playing of the biggest game in sports.

Here's a look at which team has a better squad:

ADVANTAGE PATRIOTS

Quarterback

As good as Nick Foles looked two weeks ago against the Vikings (throwing for three touchdowns, no interceptions and posting a 141.1 QB rating), Tom Brady is the greatest to ever play the position. And even with his potentially slightly injured hand, he will be the best player on the field Sunday — even at age 40. Brady is reason enough to pick the Patriots in this game, and a clutch performance from him could make the rest of these categories irrelevant.

"If I make this all about them, we're in trouble," Doug Pederson said last week, when asked about Brady and his five Super Bowl titles. "Honestly, we're in trouble. Everything is going to be written about it. Everything has been written about it, talked about it, discussed, debated, and it's about us. And I'll keep saying that. It's what we do and how well we execute. I can't worry about that."

ADVANTAGE EAGLES

Eagles running back LeGarrette Blount can't wait to play against his former team. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Running backs

There could be some backlash for this pick — as Brady knows how to use running backs in the passing game better than anyone. And Dion Lewis definitely broke into a featured running back in the regular season's second half. But the Eagles ran for more yards in the regular season (third most in football) and more in the playoffs and have one of the best offensive lines in the game. The Patriots use the run to mix things up, the Eagles use the run to set things up. Expect the Eagles — using Jay Ajayi, LeGarrette Blount and Corey Clement, to find ways to get the ground game going.

Offensive line

The Eagles line — boasting three Pro Bowl/All Pros in Lane Johnson, Jason Kelce and Brandon Brooks are dynamic and athletic. They set up the run game and protect the quarterback. The Patriots and Eagles pass blocking are both in the middle of the road as far as sacks allowed go but the star-power in Philly reigns supreme here. Offensive line is a point of concern for Patriots fans and one of pride for Eagles fans.

ADVANTAGE EAGLES

Defensive line

Much has been written about Fletcher Cox, Brandon Graham, Timmy Jernigan and the rest of the Eagles dynamic pass rush. Back ups Chris Long and Derek Barnett (a 2017 first round pick) each made game-changing plays this postseason and the depth and talent of the position is as good as it gets in the NFL. The Patriots run defense is among the worst in football, though they do boast Trey and Marquis Flowers who combined for 10 sacks this season.

Secondary

The Patriots have the third worst passing defense in the NFL, based on the regular season and were one of three teams to let opposing offenses gain 4,000 yards through the air. They have 12 interceptions, seven less than the Eagles' 19 but have been solid scoring-wise, allowing only 24 passing touchdowns — the exact same number the Eagles allowed (but the Eagles allowed over 400 yards less through the air). Jenkins, of course, is a Pro Bowler and in tandem with Rodney McLeod is part of one of the better safety tandems in football. Ronald Darby is as close to a shut down corner as the Eagles have with inconsistent but sometimes brilliant Patrick Robinson and Jalen Mills rounding out the Eagles cornerbacks. The Pats have starpower, despite their lack of success, with Stephon Gilmore and Malcolm Butler manning the outside.

Overall

Are we picking the Eagles to win? Not necessarily. But based solely on the parameters listed above, the Eagles have the edge in nearly every position group on defense and are supreme on their offensive line and with running backs. This game won't be determined by which team has better Madden ratings on its roster — but the Eagles certainly do have enough talent to not only win Super Bowl LII, but also continue to vie for championships for seasons to come.

TOO CLOSE TO CALL

Wide receivers, tight ends

This is a tough category to litigate. Rob Gronkowski is in the concussion protocol. Without him, the Eagles likely get a slight advantage thanks to their tight end Zach Ertz. But with Gronk, Brady is able to force defenses to pay less attention to either Brandin Cooks or Danny Amendola — both deadly weapons. Foles will rely on Alshon Jeffery, Torrey Smith and Nelson Agholor in addition to Ertz on the line. NFL teams have problems defending both the Eagles and Patriots weapons and the Pats secondary could have its hands full with the deep ball and quick slants Foles likes to throw.

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Linebackers

The Eagles are without stud middle linebacker Jordan Hicks and have relied successfully on Mychal Kendricks and Nigel Bradham this season, and both are excellent against the run. But they could have issues against Gronkowski, forcing safety Malcolm Jenkins to potentially line up in the second level against him. The Patriots are led by Kyle Van Noy, whose 5.5 sacks show how versatile and valuable he is as a linebacker. But as mentioned before the Pats struggle against the run and lack a lot of depth. An embarrassment of riches here with no advantage to either side.

Special teams

Kicker Jake Elliott can make pressure kicks and long kicks, and punter Donnie Jones is very solid too, but the Eagles special teams have been marred by missed extra points, muffed returns and a lack of explosiveness on both punt and kickoff returns. In New England, Stephen Gostkowski is usually among the most reliable kickers in the NFL but made just 71 percent of his field goals, the second worst in the NFL. Neither team had a return touchdown this season.

Hall of Famer Rice talks Pats dynasty

One of the NFL's all-time greats spoke with Metro Boston in an exclusive interview.

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Pro Football Hall of Famer Jerry Rice is the most prominent ex-NFLer to fall under the category of "Patriots Hater."

During the Deflategate scandal, Rice appeared on Jim Rome's radio show and said there should be an asterisk next to the Patriots' Super Bowl wins.

"I'm going to be point blank, I feel like it's cheating," Rice said at the time."Because you have an edge up on your opponent and it's unfortunate that it happened. I've played in cold weather, I know how hard the football is and you can grip the leather just a little bit better [if a football is deflated].

"I think you have to really put an asterisk on it, because this is going to follow them, you know, for the rest of their lives, because when you look at it, when people go back and they think about the New England Patriots they're going to think about these controversies," Rice continued. "I've always wanted to do things the right way. I didn't want to take any shortcuts or anything like that."

Patriots fans have been crying "hypocrite" toward Rice ever since as just prior to the Deflategate scandal Rice told ESPN that he used to use the illegal substance "stickum" on his gloves in order to better catch the football.

"I know this might be a little illegal, guys, but I just put a little spray, a little stickum on them, to make sure that texture is a little sticky," Rice said.

In an interview with Metro this week, Rice defended his use of the substance and attempted to walk back some of the things he said about the Patriots at that time.

"Ya know, I don't think [using stickum] is taking advantage of anything," Rice told Metro. "You still gotta be able to run routes. You still gotta be able to separate from defenders. You still gotta be able to catch the football. I'm one of those types of guys who likes to joke around. I say certain things … stuff like that. Maybe that was one of those things that I shouldn't have said … the comment about the New England Patriots. Sometimes you just gotta be quiet and move on. But [regarding stickum] my numbers speak for themselves for what I was able to do on the football field. You had opposing defenses trying to contain me … they couldn't do it. I pretty much ran through those defenses."

Asked if he thought the Patriots were still "cheating" in 2018, Rice said the following:

"Ya know, I'm not really here to talk about that. But the Patriots are doing something special. I think it has a lot to do with that No. 12 that they have behind center. He puts that team in every position to win. For a bit, they were talking about [Robert] Kraft, [Bill] Belichick and Tom Brady not getting along. That there was some bad blood or something. I think they thrive off of stuff like that. They use it to go out there and win football games."

Since last year's comeback win over the Atlanta Falcons in Super Bowl LI, Patriots quarterback Tom Brady has been designated the G.O.A.T. (Greatest of All-Time) by many football pundits. Rice himself is at the top of any discussion of the greatest football player of all-time but said it's tough to judge players from different eras, citing that players (quarterbacks in particular) these days are much better protected from getting hit hard.

"I don't know how you determine the G.O.A.T.," Rice told Metro. "It goes back to the same thing, it's a different era. I always thought that Jim Brown was the greatest football player to ever play the game. [Joe] Montana, Tom Brady, Aaron Rodgers, Drew Brees, [John] Elway — all these guys. It's kinda hard and it has a lot to do with the time when you played the game. And I think the NFL is doing a great job with protecting quarterbacks and really protecting players. But back when I was playing — even when the ball was not being thrown my way I was still getting hit. So, it's just a different era."

Jerry Rice, one of the greatest wide receivers to ever play the game of football, spoke with Metro about the Patriots. GETTY IMAGES

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Underdog mentality could be the Eagles' winning Super Bowl ticket

Patriots Tom Brady is quick to question the Eagles' underdog status in Super Bowl LII.

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The Eagles could be in an advantageous position as Super Bowl LII underdogs. GETTY IMAGES

There was a stretch of years, not that long ago, that saw seven of eight Super Bowl underdogs win — from 2004 to 2011.

The Patriots have taken care of business a bit too often since then, but there is ample evidence that teams expected to lose, win more than they should.

The Eagles adorn the moniker of underdog in Super Bowl LII, to no one's surprise (they were held in the same regard in each of their playoff wins to make it to Minneapolis). But it seems like the team has tapped into something valuable, combining elite talent — which would be favored or close to it with a healthy Carson Wentz under center — and an "us against the world" mentality. According to sports psychologist Joel Fish, that's a winning combination.

"If you take a look at teams where the underdog has kicked off the favorite there is a theme," Fish, who has worked with prominent pro athletes across the city for decades, said. "If you look at the Red Sox when they broke their streak, the Cubs, the Phillies, each of those teams — and this is the kind of thing I study — they embrace the attitude of 'why not us?' When a team does that, when players do that in the key moments of these games, when you've embraced the 'why not us,' you're more likely to embrace that attitude of 'we've got them were we want them' as opposed to 'here we go again.'

"The underdog has nothing to lose here, the expectations are less and I really like where the Eagles are right now in terms of progression of overcoming adversity, embracing challenges, belief in themselves but most importantly in key moments."

> ***"People can do whatever they want; count us out, count us in, we're playing in the Super Bowl. They're going to have to sit back and watch us do that."***
>
> Jay Ajayi, on the Eagles' underdog status in Super Bowl LII

Ask the Eagles' players themselves and you'll hear the same thing.

"We've been the underdogs. I think that's the mentality of our football team. I think that's the mentality of our city, and I'm OK with that, I'm fine that," Eagles coach Doug Pederson told NFL.com. "I've been an underdog my whole career, my whole life. Everything I've done, I either haven't been good enough or something negative has been written or said, and I just blow it off. I have confidence in these guys and this team."

All across the over-produced "Super Bowl Opening Night" Monday, you saw Eagles players like Brandon Graham with their underdog masks, and fans too.

Malcolm Jenkins took it further, claiming that Eagles players have "felt like underdogs our entire lives and all season. Most of the guys who've come here have been cut, traded, or drafted too low, and everyone's had a chip on their shoulders. Really, we've been given the short end of the stick the entire year."

Which is why Tom Brady, the Patriots future hall of fame quarterback — all too familiar with being an underdog on football's greatest stage, leading the Patriots to the biggest upset in Super Bowl history over the rams a decade and a half ago — wasn't quick to relent the underdog label to his opponent.

"They're well-coached," Brady said. "They're good in all three phases. They play complementary games. They do a great job. There's no underdogs in the Super Bowl. They're the first seed in the NFC. Man, they're 13-3. They had an incredible season. I don't buy into any of that. I think they're as dangerous as any team in the league. It's going to come down to whoever plays the best, and hopefully it's us."

There can be an edge to being the underdog, for the right team. And this year it looks to be the Eagles. Which is why a key for New England could be to embrace being the favorite (by as many as six points depending on which betting website you check).

"The crowd flips in these neutral sites, you put the pressure on the favorite," Fish said. "What's made Brady, [Patriots head coach Bill] Belichick and the Patriots unusual is in those key moments they've been able to stare down the underdog and use their experience and confidence and will to stay aggressive."

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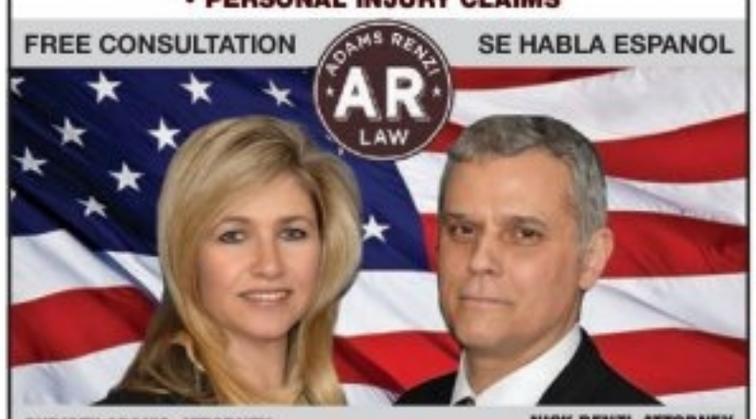

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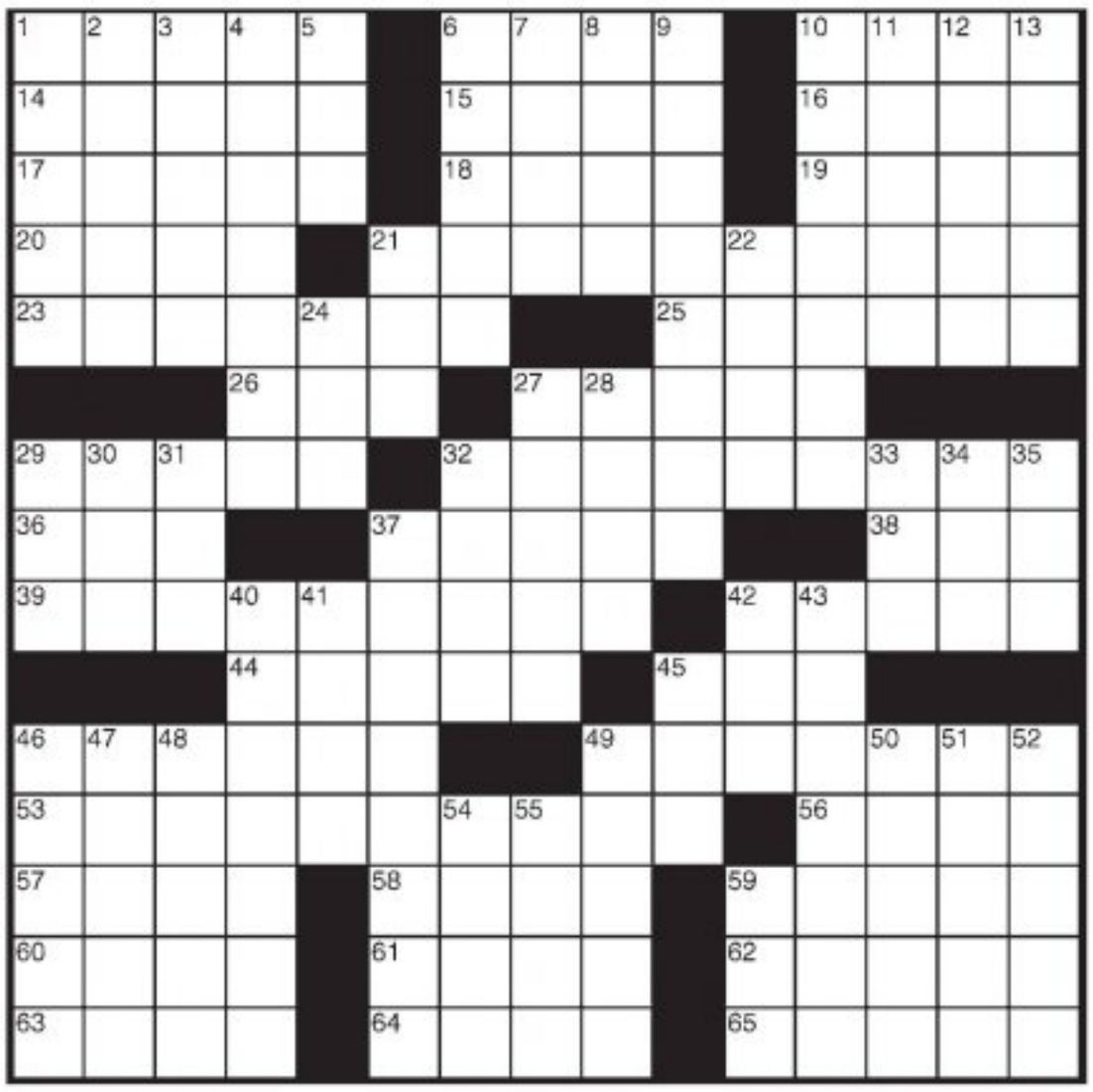

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Aries Change is good, but don't go overboard. Don't let anyone talk you into something that will leave you in debt or cause you stress. Choose to do things your way.

Taurus your assets and personal information. Stress will lead to health issues if you don't take time to chill out and regroup.

Gemini Keep your life simple and live within your means. Gauging what you can do and being realistic will take discipline and moderation.

Cancer Concentrate on your relationships. Whether personal or professional, getting along and trying to understand someone else's logic will help you move forward.

Leo Someone from your past will let you down. Don't get angry. Channel your energy into personal accomplishments and gains if you want to have the last laugh.

Virgo Your emotions will set the stage for the way your relationships will unfold. Don't let anger supersede patience and common sense. Self-deception will lead to loss.

Libra Think twice before you agree to help someone asking for favors. The story you are being told is not something you should be part of. Offer advice, nothing more.

Scorpio Changes at home may not be to your liking. Don't let your emotions take the reins, or act on an assumption you have made. Be willing to compromise.

Sagittarius Plan a trip with a loved one. It doesn't have to be costly; just romantic and geared toward providing time to talk about your joint future.

Capricorn Buying items you don't need will put a kink in your cash flow. Don't feel pressured to show how much you care for someone by purchasing lavish gifts.

Aquarius Partnerships are highlighted. Make personal changes that will help you look and feel good. Moderation will be necessary, and romance is encouraged.

Pisces Refuse to let anyone upset you. Anger will not help sort out a financial, emotional or health issue. Calm down and take one step at a time.

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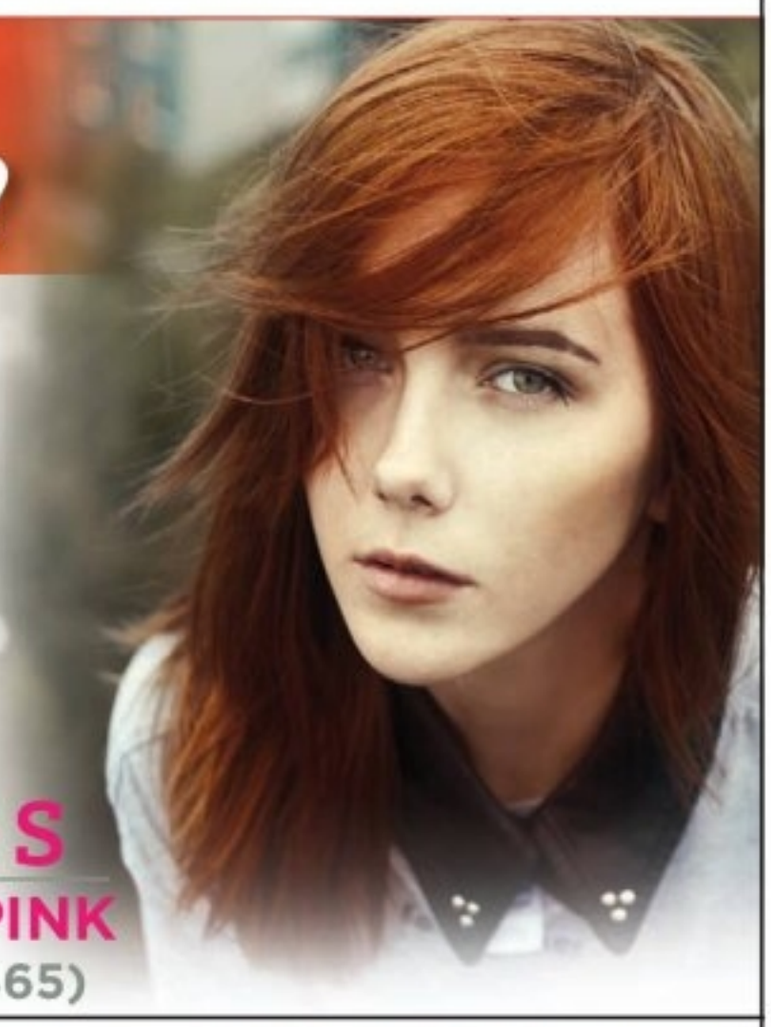

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